

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Susan K. Brown-Skrobot et al.

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For : METHOD OF STERILIZATION

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2003 for three(3) month(s) from August 19, 2003 to November 19, 2003. Remarks and a request for a continuation application are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/VTN-388CON1/RTH in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition. Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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